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Status of the 1954 Road Construction Program

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as of 25 August 1954:

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1. Numerical Completion of Construction Projects  
 Designation (in Percentage Figures)  
 Money Allocations Completion of  
 Spent Construction Work

Construction projects  
 valued at upward of  
 250,000 eastmarks

1	94.3	98.5
2	52.6	56.0
3	90.1	100
4	61.5	45.0
5	68.9	65.5
6	53.5	50.9
7	44.5	27.1
8	26.0	10.0
9	36.8	38.5

Construction projects  
 valued at below  
 250,000 eastmarks

1	34.0	12.0
2	9.8	10.0
3	eliminated	

2. In detail, the following information was available on the projects mentioned:

- a. Projects valued at upward of 250,000 eastmarks:

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Construction work was nearing completion. The road was scheduled to be opened to traffic in the first week of September.

2. Highway 112 between Brieskow and Finkenherd.  
Work required for the construction of the embankment of the road was 77 percent completed. Work on the construction of the road surface was under way. Construction work was delayed by failures occurring in road construction machinery, and special difficulties were eliminated.
3. Highway 2 between Pegau and Proffen.  
Construction work was suspended in June because of a lack of funds.
4. Highway 169, by-road at Lauchhammer.  
Construction work scheduled to be done in 1954 will be completed by late 1954. A smooth continuation of construction work in 1955 is guaranteed.
5. Concrete road between Sassnitz and Prora.  
The progress of construction work was delayed by continuous rainfalls so that the fixed target could not be reached. Otherwise, there were no difficulties in the execution of this road construction project.
6. Highway 184 between Dessau and Rosslau, third construction stage.  
After 28 July 1954, traffic on this highway was rerouted via the Faehrsee bridge, an emergency structure. Paving work was being done between the Faehrsee bridge and the highway previously numbered 184. Curbstones and special lanes for bicyclists were being set up along sidewalks.
7. Highway 27 between Elend and Mandelholz.  
Because of sustained rainfall, the fixed target could not be reached. The work force employed on the construction of the road was inadequate.
8. Southern by-road at Bergen.  
On 15 August 1954, an excavator arrived at the construction site for the execution of earthwork. Excavation work was made rather difficult by continuous rainfall. Otherwise, there were no difficulties in the execution of this road construction project.
9. Technical school at Schleusingen.  
The designs for the school were modified. The new designs were scheduled to be completed by 15 September 1954. A smooth continuation of construction work is guaranteed.

b. Construction projects estimated at below 250,000 eastmarks:

1. Highway 104, section within the locality of Gaedebehn.  
Construction work continued according to schedule.
2. Improvement of highway 88 near Arlesberg.  
Construction work was scheduled to be completed by late November 1954.
3. Highway 282, rerouting of the road at Oberpirisch.  
The construction project was eliminated from the 1954 road construction program because of a lack of funds.

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